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1. The Rostock Volkspolizei has eight ambulances of the "Granit" type; 84 ZIS personnel carriers, which are also used to tow light anti-tank guns; three crane trucks; 11 Skoda trucks for the transportation of materiel; 45 motorcycles; five tractors of Soviet build; and eight half-tracks.
2. The winter exercises held by the Volkspolizei on Rostock Heath have just been completed. The exercises included night marches, night fighting and bivouacking in the open. Eight hundred men of the Rostock alert unit, a reinforced platoon from Guestrow and 20 women of the Volkspolizei participated in the training. The women were used as signal and intelligence troops. The radio unit has been abolished and its members transferred to the infantry.
3. After the completion of the exercises, a Soviet liaison officer criticised their unskillful execution and requested that they be repeated.
4. Currently three tons of ammunition for rifles and light artillery are being shipped from Primerwald daily, part of it going to the dump on Rostock Heath and part to Saxony. A workman informant says that the report of gas production at Primerwald refers only to tear gas for the Volkspolizei.
5. The large barracks on the northern edge of Guestrow have been completed and will be occupied in March. It can hold 3-5,000 men.
6. At Puetnitz Airfield four separate instruction courses for pilots are now being given. There are 12 Mig 15s available and one reconnaissance plane. Up to 1 August, 1,000 pilots are to be trained at Puetnitz and Dessau. For reconnaissance training, bomber and radio men, only former members of the Air Force are accepted. There is a particular shortage of radio men. The new Soviet jet fighters are equipped with an improved model of the Rolls-Royce motor, and have been particularly improved with regard to de-icing and fuel supply.

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7. The Ulmen barracks in Rostock are now occupied by a newly organized pioneer unit of 120 men, who exercise almost daily at building bridges and demolitions. Instruction in close-in combat is given by Russian non-commissioned officers.
8. A new unit, probably a military police company, is now being occupied at Rostock. Men from 22 to 28 years of age, who are at least 180 cm. tall, healthy and without glasses are wanted.
9. A surprise exercise was held in Rostock on 26 January, with the fire department, Machinery Rental Organization (MAS) and Volkspolizei taking part. It was a catastrophe drill and lasted three hours. The MAS appeared in 30 minutes with 32 trucks of all types, 25 tractors, and 18 taxis.

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